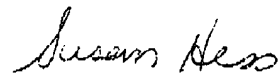


REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 18-25 and 29-31 are pending in the application. Claim 5 has been amended to correct a typographical error and claims 2, 19 and 30 have been canceled without prejudice.

Early examination of the claims and allowance of the same are respectfully requested.

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